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PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

PASSED JANUARY SESSION, 1858.

WHEREAS, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Maryland has transmitted to the Senate and House of Delegates, his annual message and documents therewith, in which he has given an account of his proceedings relative to calling forth the military in the city of Baltimore, on the day of the last election in that city;

And Whereas, It appears by his statement that he visited said city on the 28th day of October last, and immediately addressed a communication to the Mayor, stating "that representations from a large number of most respectable citizens, of the condition of things in that city, added to his own conviction of his constitutional duty, imposed upon him the obligations respectfully to consult the Mayor of the city, as to what provision should be made by him, (the Mayor,) to guarantee personal security and the free exercise of suffrage by the legal voters at the approaching election;"

And Whereas, It appearing by said correspondence that the Mayor, in reply, invited His Excellency "to furnish him with any reliable evidence, upon which he could legally act, of a combination on the part of any of the citizens of said city, to obstruct the laws at the approaching election, and also informed His Excellency, that he deemed his powers to preserve the peace to be ample, and that in view of the emergency, he had "in addition to the usual compliment of officers, assigned to the stations, and various election precincts acting immediately in concert with the judges, together with the details by which they were to be regulated there would be what he deemed in his judgment a force competent to insure to those who might be entitled to vote, the free and untrammelled exercise of their right of suf-